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CLAIMS

1. A clip adapted for attaching a trim part surface to a mounting surface of a vehicle, said clip comprising:

a base having a top and bottom portion;

a male member extending outwardly from said top portion of said base, raised surface portions formed on opposing sides of said male member with a gap being defined between said raised portions and said top of said base, said gap adapted for snug receipt of said mounting surface of a vehicle therein;

a first attachment channel formed in said base;

a second attachment channel formed in said base;

said first and second attachment channels being in generally parallel relation to each other in said base and separated by a common wall extending between said top and said bottom portions of said base, said first and second attachment channels having elongated openings, said elongated openings in said first and second attachment channels facing in opposing directions.

2. The clip as recited in claim 1, wherein said male member comprises a longitudinal axis, said base comprising a central axis, and wherein said male member is eccentrically positioned relative to said central axis on said base.

3. The clip as recited in claim 1, wherein said base comprises a longitudinally extending axis perpendicularly related to said central axis of said base and bisecting said base, and wherein said common wall extends parallel to and is laterally spaced from said longitudinal axis.

4. The clip as recited in claim 3 further comprising a flange area providing a narrowed portion in one of said attachment channels.

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5. The clip as recited in claim 3 wherein each of said first and second attachment channels comprise a flange area therein, thereby narrowing a portion of each attachment channel.

6. The clip as recited in claim 5, wherein said flanges face opposing directions.

7. The clip as recited in claim 6, wherein the flanges face in a same direction.

8. The clip recited in claim 1, wherein said raised surface portions of said male member present smoothed, radiused surfaces.

9. Composition comprising a clip and a clip house for engaging said clip;
said clip house being attached to an automotive trim part and comprising an inclined mounting portion;

said clip comprising:

a base having a top and bottom portion;

a male member extending outwardly from said top portion of said base, raised surface portions formed on opposing sides of said male member with a gap being defined between said raised portions and said top of said base, said gap adapted for snug receipt of said mounting surface of a vehicle therein;

a first attachment channel formed in said base;

a second attachment channel formed in said base;

said first and second attachment channels being in generally parallel relation to each other in said base and separated by a common wall extending between said top and said bottom portions of said base, said first and second attachment channels having elongated openings, said elongated openings in said first and second attachment channels facing in opposing directions;

one of said attachment channels of said clip slidably engaging said inclined portion of said clip house thereby securing said clip to said clip house.

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10. Combination as recited in claim 9 wherein said clip house further comprises a recessed well adjacent said inclined mounting portion, said clip further comprising a flange area in said first attachment channel providing a narrowed end portion in said first attachment channel, said flange area being snugly fit into said recessed well upon sliding movement of said clip relative to said clip house.

11. Combination as recited in claim 10 wherein said clip house comprises a slot, said common wall of said clip being slidably engaged in said slot.

12. Combination as recited in claim 11, said clip comprising a second flange formed in said second attachment channel, said clip house further comprising an edge of said mounting surface, said second flange of said clip extending over said edge.

13. Combination as recited in claim 10, wherein said inclined mounting surface of said clip house defines a ramp having a base portion and an increased elevation portion, said recessed well portion of said clip house being adjacent said increased elevation portion of said ramp.

14. Combination as recited in claim 11, wherein said inclined mounting surface of said clip house defines a ramp having a base portion and an increased elevation portion of said clip house, said recessed well portion of said clip house being adjacent said increased elevation portion of said ramp.

15. Automotive trim part of the type having a show surface and a rear surface opposite said show surface, said rear surface comprising a clip house mounting structure thereon for receiving a clip therein to attach said part to a frame member or the like, said clip house comprising an inclined mounting portion in the form of a ramp, said ramp having a base portion and an elevated portion, said clip house

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also including a recessed well portion extending adjacent said elevated portion of said ramp.

16. Clip house mounting structure as recited in claim 15 further comprising a channel formed in mounting surface, said ramp being interposed between said channel and said recessed well.

17. Clip house mounting structure as recited in claim 16 wherein said recessed well and said channel extend along a longitudinal dimension of said part in substantially parallel relation to each other and wherein said elevated portion of said ramp terminates in an edge surface that is substantially parallel to said recessed well.

18. Clip house mounting structure as recited in claim 14 wherein said elevated portion of said ramp terminates in an edge surface that is substantially parallel to said recessed well.